

PUBLIC HEARING – TOWN OF SHELBY
4062 SALT WORKS RD., MEDINA, NY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 6:30PM

Present: Merle Draper, Supervisor
Kenneth Schaal, Deputy Supervisor
Dale Stalker, Councilman
Stephen Seitz, Jr., Councilman
William Bacon, Councilman
Lori Myhill, Deputy Clerk
Karl Essler, Senior Counsel for Bond, Schoeneck and King
Traci Culver, Bookkeeper
Mike Fuller, Highway Superintendent
Michele Harling, Assessor
Kirk Myhill, Planning Board Chairman
Claude Grimes, Constable
Paul Gray, Constable

Excused: Darlene Rich, Town Clerk

Others: Paul Chatfield, Chatfield Engineers Scott Mattison, Chatfield
Engineers

Donna Bushover	Dave Kenward
David Bushover	Joseph Grabowski
Dave Mahar	Matt Mundion
Les Quackenbush	Brian Murray
William Lewandowski	Sherry Wheatley
Colleen Lewandowski	Jack Wheatley
Carl Caleb	Phyllis Mietz
Eric Mietz	Lynn Mietz
Gerald Moule	Lacretia Wells
James Wells	

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

This public hearing is being held to receive comments and answer any questions from the public for the proposed water district 12.

Karl Essler of Bond, Schoeneck and King stated that this meeting was being held as it is required by law. He also stated that at least 50% of the apportioned value and 50% of the residential assessed value of the properties in this proposed water district, needed to sign a petition in favor of this project and the initial analysis is that there are enough signatures to proceed.

Paul Chatfield of Chatfield Engineers spoke to those in attendance, explaining that the estimated cost of this project is \$1,728,000 and that the town would be able to apply for a grant that covers approximately \$750,000. He also explained what the approximate cost would be for the first year that residents hooked into water and what the approximate cost would be for the second year and beyond. Running water lines from the road to the home and what was needed to be done by the property owner was also mentioned. This proposed water district would cover areas of West Shelby Rd., Salt Works Rd., Johnson Rd., and County Line Rd.

Public comments:

William Lewandowski questioned how many residences there would be on this district. Paul Chatfield answered that there would be 105 connections. William also asked if everyone in this district was notified of this public hearing. Merle Draper advised him that it was published in the Batavia Daily News which is the town's official paper. William felt that the town should have mailed out postcards to everyone.

Joe Grabowski asked if there were specific contractors that needed to be used to install the water line into homes and Paul Chatfield explained that it would be the homeowner's responsibility to hire whom they choose to do that work. Joe also mentioned that he is 100% in favor of the water. His insurance increased over \$200 this year and by having public water available that will help to bring it back down.

Sherry Wheatley spoke about how her water always runs out and spent \$7,000 to dig a new well but that it has a heavy sulfur smell and she will not even give it to her animals. She purchases water constantly.

Joe Grabowski said that in the 1970's when he built his house, his new well pumped quicksand and he had to have the well re-dug.

David Bushover asked if a house on County Line Rd. but in Niagara County would be able to access the new water line. Paul Chatfield told him that that resident could petition the town *after* the line was completed.

Donna Bushover spoke about how her water leaves everything rusty and that it stinks. Her toilets are rusty, she has to clean her shower with toilet bowl cleaner, which is caustic and they won't wear white clothes due to the water turning them gray and staining them with rust. She will be glad to have a fire hydrant available in case of a fire and she believes that public water is a necessity.

William Lewanduski said that they had sulfur and rust but they have a system to try and correct it. He also doesn't think it's fair for all to pay.

Lacretia Wells had a water conditioner but its shot and her dishwasher and washer are covered in red iron. She buys water to drink and cook with and she is for the water district.

Motion to adjourn public hearing by Dale Stalker and seconded by Kenneth Schaal.

Ayes - 4

Opposed – 0

Steve Seitz, Jr. abstained as he is a resident of this proposed water district.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Myhill, Deputy Clerk